

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The band plays at Emma Square this evening.

The Courts are turning out quite a batch of good American citizens.

Honolulu Messenger Service delivers messages and packages. Telephone 378.

The Board of Health expects to pay its semi-annual visit to Molokai on Friday next.

Among the newly fledged American citizens is D. G. Camarinos, formerly Greek Consul in San Francisco.

Company F's team defeated the Police team by a score of 403 to 379. The highest score of 47 was made by Johnson of Co. F.

Le Comte de Potier, the new French Consul for Honolulu, arrived on the America Maru from China last night to relieve Mons. Most.

The Republican Territorial Committee meets at 7:30 this evening at the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of effecting permanent organization.

Judge Humphreys has issued a *venire facias* for the first grand jury in Hawaii. It is to meet on August 6 in the Circuit Court of the First Circuit.

E. R. Stackable, U. S. Collector of Customs, warns the Inspectors to pay attention to the Treasury rules and regulations as they will be strictly enforced.

The Board of Health have resolved that all quarantine restrictions upon property condemned by the Board of Health, on account of the existence of bubonic plague, be removed after the expiration of five months from the date of destruction by fire of the buildings upon such property.

The America Maru arrived off port late last night more than a day ahead of scheduled time. She brought the following passengers for this port: M. Abe, R. Niinoyas, Miss M. Wotherspoon, Miss Masuda, Comte de Potier, Y. Yamaguchi. She sails at 10 o'clock to-night, the mail closing at 9.

Emil Uhlbrecht, aged 28 years, a machinist at the Union Iron Works, and once the champion cyclist of Southern California, was drowned yesterday afternoon while gathering sea shells at Makapuu Point. He leaves a widow and three young children to whom the sympathies of the community are extended.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ED. THE INDEPENDENT:—

Permit me space in your paper to protest against the slur of the Advertiser in putting the lepers down as paupers and classing them with convicts, idiots and insane. In taking this matter up I expected that some of the white lepers would write, protesting against such an uncalled-for slur and not swallow the pill without a wink. For myself I cannot permit such an unjust assertion on the part of the Advertiser to hang over without a word of protest, for I am not a pauper, emphatically not nor am I a convict, idiot and insane. It is my misfortune and the misfortune of others that we are lepers, but that is no fault of ours; we have been isolated and compelled by the Government to live in seclusion, not for the good of ourselves, but for the good of the community of which the Advertiser clique is a part. There has been in the past and present in this Settlement inmates who are members of the highest and noble families in these islands, the aristocracy of Hawaii. Can they be called paupers and classed as convicts, etc.? That we are dependent wards of the nation the Government has made us so and no choice given. Insult has been added to sympathy.

As to the franchise, thanks to Congress. We will avail ourselves of the chance and all those of us qualified to vote, when the time comes, will cast our votes for the best men, who will see that we receive proper administration of justice and a fair and just treatment which at present and in the past I regret to say has been denied us the right of appeal.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for the space and also for the stand you have taken on behalf of the lepers,

Very sincerely yours,
A. K. HUTCHISON.

Returns of service of summons have been made in most of the insurance cases caused by the health fire of January 20th last. Also in Otomi vs. Bijui Komatsu, of Waimea, Kauai, breach of promise; Rosamon J. Naylor vs. The Orpheum Co., Ltd.; Mace Bonville against the same defendant; Kapiolani Estate, Ltd., vs. Deborah Pochina et al.; Abigail K. Kailieha vs. Lowell Kupa, The Riedon Iron & Loco. Works vs. Maunalei Sugar Co. and in the guardianship matter of Manuel Gomes, Jr., and Virginia Gomes, minors.

Judge Stanley has appointed H. Smith guardian of Naomi Miriam Lazarus, a minor, under a \$1000 bond.

Answers have been filed in several insurance cases caused by the great health fire of January 20th last. The answers are the same as the others already reported.

Deborah Pochina and her husband, defendants in the partition suit brought against them by the Kapiolani Estate Ltd., have filed their answer to the complaint. Robertson & Wilder for defendants.

The Oregon Saved.

SHANGHAI, July 3.—The American battleship Oregon is expected to be floated to-day and will, it is thought, be safely towed to Port Arthur.

The passengers of the America Maru supplement this despatch by the statement that she was floated off and was in deep water in good condition.

At Waikiki.

It was an ideal day yesterday at Waikiki Bay for the young athletes, the surf was playfully vicious overturning some of the more venturesome canoes and bringing forth manly strength and endurance to right them and bring them to port. At the Hotel Annex at least fifty surf boards were in play at one time, while at other points a number of young men under the leadership of Sam Johnson and Ranier built pyramids, instituted water tournaments, leap frog, wrestling matches and a hundred and one other entertainments for the amusement of the hundreds of guests, and yet no accident happened.

Our Democratic Delegates.

Honolulu, June 12, via San Francisco, June 19.—The first Democratic Territorial Convention ever held in Hawaii met last night and elected the following six delegates to Kansas City, who were instructed for Bryan: Prince David Kawanakoa, Charles T. Wilder, W. H. Cornwell, W. S. Withers, John D. Holt and John H. Wise.

Prince David is nephew of late Queen Dowager Kapiolani, and with Prince Cupid Kalaniana'ole inherited her fortune. Wilder has for several years been Hawaiian Consul at San Francisco; Cornwell was in Queen Liliuokalani's Cabinet. Withers is at the head of the Honolulu Stock Yards Company. Holt is half Hawaiian, and manages the large business house of Lovejoy & Co. Wise is also part Hawaiian and is a graduate of Oberlin College.

Permanent organization of the party was effected. Col. Charles J. McCarthy was chosen chairman of the Territorial Central Committee, and Charles L. Rhodes, formerly a Chicago newspaper man, was elected Secretary.

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